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DETERMINATION OF AN EC INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCER PRICES

At Community level, the system of price statistics, although highly developed in some fields (especially agricultural prices), contains several gaps. One of the most important of these gaps is to be found in the recording of producer prices for industrial products.

An index of industrial producer prices - by definition, a short-term economic indicator - should permit better understanding of the mechanisms of inflation, as well as of the trend of industrial incomes in relation to prices. It will also serve to deflate short-term economic indicators expressed in money terms (turnover, order books), which are at present difficult to analyse and compare between countries because of differences in inflation rates.

With the cooperation of the Statistical Institutes of the Member States, EUROSTAT has implemented a work programme which will lead to an index of industrial producer prices being available in part within one to two years and finalized within about five years.

Why such a distant deadline? Whereas some countries of the Community, such as Germany, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Ireland and Denmark, already have surveys of industrial producer prices for their own purposes, and therefore have only technical modifications to make to meet the needs of the Community, the other countries have to set up a whole system of price surveys and data processing. In these countries, the work has to be undertaken sector by sector, and cannot therefore be completed for several years.

Initially, the index of industrial producer prices will refer to products sold on the internal market. Since it is necessary to devote further study to certain specialized methodological aspects and to apply somewhat different techniques, EUROSTAT will also study the introduction of an index of prices in foreign trade.

Data on producer prices exclusive of VAT will be collected at the first stage of product marketing. Since the aim is to obtain the pure variations in price, an effort will be made to keep constant over time the determining features of product prices, such as quality, quantity, packing, transport, assembly, type of buyer, etc.

The index will initially be monthly, but a quarterly index may be produced in certain circumstances for some countries or products.

The index will be published by EUROSTAT for about 35 groups of products defined on the basis of the NIPRO nomenclature (two or three digits). Further details will be available for internal EUROSTAT calculations. The publication of an index for the whole of industry, for those countries which already possess one, could take place fairly soon.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN 1978

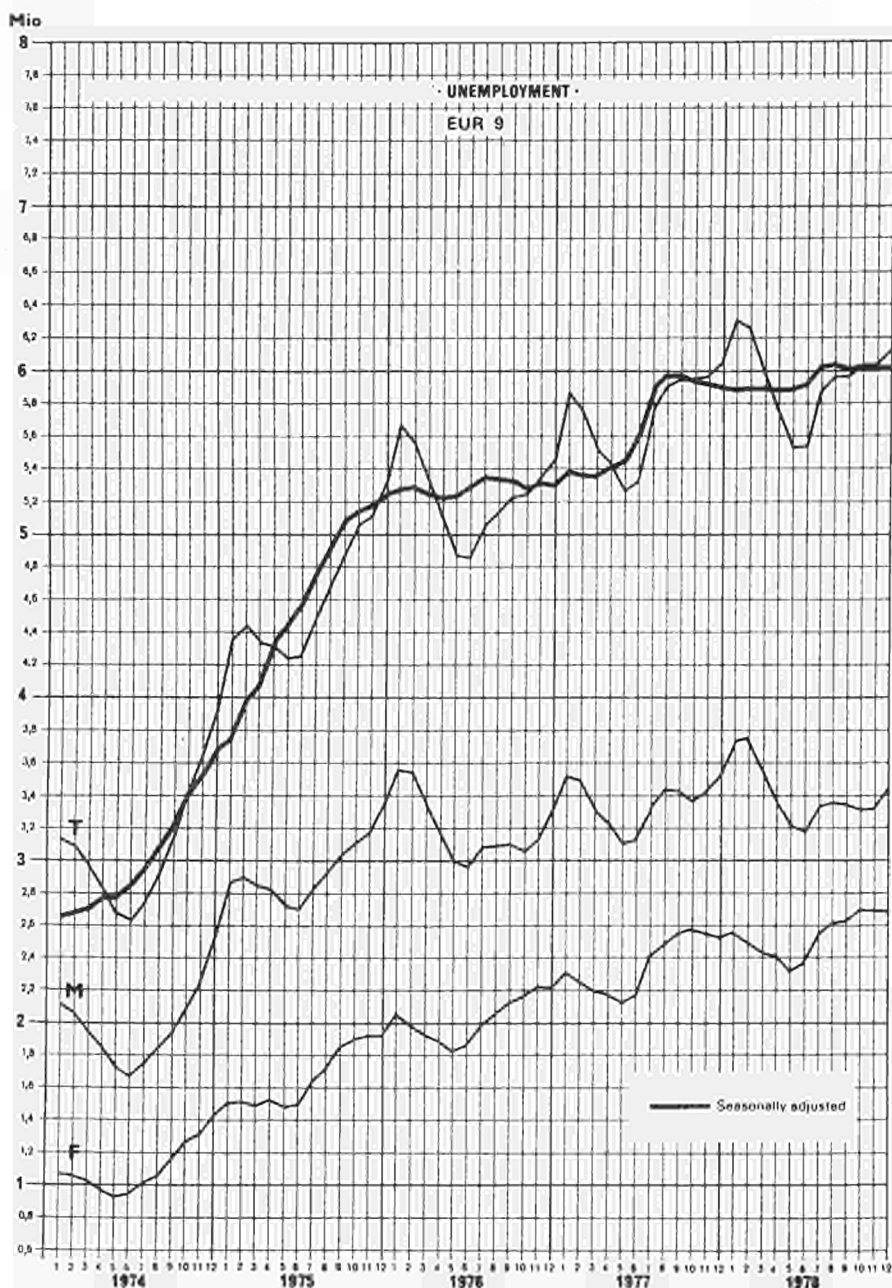
During 1978 the provisional figure for the average number of unemployment in the Community for 1978 is 5 958 000. Compared to 1977 the number of unemployed increased by 3.9%, this increase was however much less important than that from 1976 to 1977 (+ 9.4%).

Some Member States of the Community show important percentage decreases in the number of their registered unemployed, for instance Ireland (- 7.5%) and the Federal Republic of Germany (- 3.6%). The 1978 figures for the Netherlands and the United Kingdom are slightly below those for 1977 (- 0.6%); on the other hand unemployment has increased during 1978 in Luxembourg, in Denmark (+ 15.5%), in Italy (+ 9.9%), in France (+ 8.9%) and in Belgium (+ 8.4%).

In the Community an average of 5.6% of the civilian working population was registered as unemployed in 1978 (5.3% in 1977). The unemployment rate for men is 5.0% and for women 6.4%. Countries with above Community averages of unemployment rates for women are Belgium (13.9%), Italy (9.0%), France (7.3%) and Denmark (7.0%). In the United Kingdom and in Ireland was unemployment as recorded less important among women than among men.

In the Community and in most Member States the proportion of women in the total registered unemployment continued to increase during 1978. In the Community nearly 43% of all unemployed are now women, this percentage reaches 60% in Belgium, 53% in France and 51% in the Federal Republic of Germany.

These data were derived from the 'Monthly statistics of registered unemployed in the Community' compiled by the Statistical Office of the European Communities and available in the form of a 'Statistical Telegram'. This document is sent out around the 20th of each month and can be obtained on application to the Dissemination of Information Department, SOEC, Bâtiment Jean Monnet, Boître postale 1907, Luxembourg - Tel. 43011 (ext. 2038) - Telex : Comeur Lu 3423.



		B R DEUTSCH- LAND	FRANCE	ITALIA	NEDER- LAND	BELGIQUE BELGIË	LUXEM- BOURG	UNITED KINGDOM
I. Registered unemployed (1000's)								
Total	1974	582,5	497,7	997,2	134,9	124,1	0,058	614,9
	1975	1 074,2	839,7	1 106,9	195,3	207,8	0,265	977,6
	1976	1 060,3	933,5	1 181,7	210,9	266,6	0,457	1 360,0
	1977	1 030,0	1 071,8	1 377,8	206,9	307,6	0,821	1 483,6
	p1978	992,9	1 166,9	1 512,2	205,6	333,4	1,166	1 475,0
II. Females as % of all registered unemployed								
	1974	44,3	52,9	36,0	20,9	53,3	61,4	16,5
	1975	42,0	49,1	36,7	21,7	52,3	35,2	20,5
	1976	46,6	52,5	37,3	24,2	57,0	38,7	24,8
	1977	49,8	53,4	39,0	29,5	59,5	39,8	27,9
	p1978	50,8	52,7	41,2	33,7	60,3	43,5	29,5
III. Unemployment rates								
1. Total registered unemployed as % of working popu- lation	1974	2,2	2,3	4,8	2,9	3,2	0,0	2,4
	1975	4,2	3,9	5,2	4,1	5,3	0,2	3,8
	1976	4,1	4,3	5,5	4,4	6,8	0,3	5,3
	1977	4,0	4,9	6,4	4,3	7,8	0,6	5,7
	p1978	3,9	5,3	7,1	4,3	8,4	0,8	5,7
2. Female unemployed as % of female working population	1974	2,6	3,2	5,1	2,2*	4,9	0,1*	1,1
	1975	4,6	5,0	6,8	3,2*	7,9	0,2*	2,1
	1976	5,1	5,9	7,1	3,8*	10,8	0,4*	3,4
	1977	5,2	6,8	8,2	4,5*	12,7	0,7*	4,1
	p1978	5,1	7,3	9,0	5,1*	13,9	1,2*	4,3

INTEGRATED STATISTICS OF SOCIAL PROTECTION

The Directorate for Demographic and social statistics has just published the 1976 results of the annual survey of integrated statistics of social protection. The 1977 results will be available shortly. 'EUROSTAT NEWS' has made a selection of the most significant results and these are presented below. We should like to point out to readers that the Rapid Information document 'Social protection accounts 1970-1976' can be obtained on application to our Dissemination of Information Department (the address is given on the inside front cover) and that the general methodology and the procedures employed in the compilation of these statistics are currently under review in consultation with member countries. It is the intention next year, after completion of the review, to publish more detailed and definitive statistics in the usual way. Meanwhile reference should be made, where necessary, to the notes and definitions included in the volume 1977 'Social accounts - Social protection accounts in the EC'.

	BR DEUTSCH- LAND	FRANCE	ITALIA	NEDER- LAND	BELGIQUE BELGIE	LUXEM- BOURG	UNITED KINGDOM	IRELAND	DANMARK
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FUNCTION OF THE SOCIAL PROTECTION BENEFITS 1976 - %

1. Sickness	29	28	25	30	24	24	25	35	30
2. Invalidity	8	5	18	13	5	8	4	5	8
3. Phys. or ment. disab.	(2)	(2)	2	4	2	0	5	(2)	3
4. Empl. inj., occup. dis.	3	4	2	-	4	6	1	1	1
5. Old age	28	37	31	31	38	37	43	33	32
6. Survivors	15	6	6	5	(1)	15	3	(1)	1
7. Maternity	1	2	1	0	1	1	2	2	1
8. Family	9	13	9	10	14	9	9	11	11
9. Voc. train. of adults	2	0	-	-	0	-	0	:	0
10. Plac., voc. guid., mob.	1	-	-	-	0	-	1	:	0
11. Unemployment	3	4	2	6	8	0	6	10	10
12. Housing	1	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-
13. Miscellaneous	1	1	3	0	4	0	1	2	3
14. Total benefits	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

CURRENT RECEIPTS BY SECTOR OF SOURCE 1976 - %

a) Enterprises	33	46	52	29	36	27	28	:	6
b) Central Government	32	26	24	22	38	37	41	59	56
c) Local Government	7	4	4	7	2	4	7	1	32
d) Soc. secur. funds	2	2	3	9	2	7	7	12	3
e) Households	27	22	14	33	21	25	17	15	2
f) Miscellaneous	0	0	3	0	1	1	1	13	0
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

SOCIAL PROTECTION INDICATORS

		FR DEUTSCH- LAND	FRANCE	ITALIA	NEDER- LAND	BELGIE BELGIE	LUXEM- BOURG	UNITED KINGDOM	IRELAND	DANMARK
<u>1. Expenditure</u>										
a) at 1975 prices (Mrd EUA)	1970	64,223	42,979	24 545	11,542	7,673	0,276	27,326	0,714	5,067
	1976	96,552	66,092	36 306	19,701	12,950	0,466	37,948	1,307	8,110
b) Expenditure as % of the gross domestic product	1970	21,4	17,2	20,0	20,8	18,5	16,6	16,4	13,2	19,9
	1976	27,4	23,1	23,8	28,5	25,3	24,6	19,8	19,5	26,7
c) Expend. per inhabit. at 1975 prices (EUA)	1970	1 060	850	490	890	790	810	490	240	1 020
	1976	1 570	1 250	660	1 430	1 320	1 320	680	410	1 600
<u>2. Benefits</u>										
a) as % of the national disposable income	1970	23,3	20,3	19,7	21,9	19,1	19,7	17,9	13,2	21,3
	1976	30,1	24,8	24,7	30,4	25,9	24,8	21,6	19,3	29,1
b) Benefits for Sick- ness per inhabit. at current prices(EUA)	1970	170	130	70	140	100	80	90	50	170
	1976	500	360	150	480	350	350	170	150	540
c) Benefits for "Family" per child under 15 y. at current prices (EUA)	1970	230	350	160	230	:	250	120	80	390
	1976	730	735	240	660	:	:	260	150	910
d) Benefits for "Old age" per inhabit. aged 60y. and over at current prices (EUA)	1970	900	900	760	1 110	880	:	780	380	1 210
	1976	2 390	2 610	1 070	3 210	2 880	:	1 510	900	2 830



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STRUCTURE AND ACTIVITY OF INDUSTRY IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES 1975

The Statistical Office of the European Communities will shortly be publishing for the first time results of the COORDINATED INQUIRY INQUIRY INTO INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY, carried out by the Member States pursuant to a Council Directive of 6 June 1972.

The purpose of this inquiry is to collect comparable statistics on the structure and activity of industry in the Member States, in particular all the data required for calculating value added. It is carried out annually among enterprises which employ 20 or more persons and whose principal economic activity is listed in one of the groups (three-digit headings) of the General Industrial Classification of Economic Activities within the European Communities (NACE).

The forthcoming publication comprises the results of the inquiry for 1975. It will be followed, at yearly intervals, by publication of the results of subsequent inquiries.

The results will be published in a number of separate volumes, viz.:

- A first volume comprising all the methodological information concerning the carrying out of the inquiry, which is necessary for correct interpretation of the data.
- A general volume comprising the most important data on enterprises and kind of activity units : in the first part of this volume, the results of the inquiry are presented by variables; in the second part, by branches of industry.
- Twelve volumes by groups of industrial sectors, giving all the results relating to the various industries.
- A volume, 'Regional data', giving the regional breakdown, by NACE classes; of the number of local units, the number of persons employed and the gross wages and salaries paid.
- Finally, a volume comprising data by size of enterprise and giving a breakdown, by size classes of persons employed, of the number of enterprises, the number of persons employed, labour costs, turnover and value added.

ANNUAL PUBLICATIONS

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ISBN 82-825-0661-4 DA/DE/IT

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BFR 300

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Results of the principal aggregates of the national accounts drawn up according to ESA (European System of Integrated Economic Accounts). Development and comparison between the Community as a whole (EUR 9), the nine Member States, the three prospective Member countries (Spain, Greece, Portugal), the United States and Japan.

Green series : Yearbook of agricultural statistics 1974-1977

ISBN 92-825-0545-6

Price : UKL 6.60
DKR 70
USD 13
BFR 400

294 pages Format C 5

Multilingual edition published in January 1979

This book can be considered as a statistical vademecum containing the most important items given in 'Agricultural statistics'. This publication contains 6 parts :

- General
- Agricultural and forestry accounts
- Structure
- Production
- Supply balance-sheet
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	DKR	61.20
	USD	11.30
	BFR	350

138 pages Format A 4

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This edition contains the most important data on forestry in the nine Member countries of the Community. It comprises 6 parts, namely the data currently available on :

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Ruby series : Gas statistics - 1977

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USD 3.40
BFR 100

58 pages Format A 4

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This publication provides balance sheets and tables relative to the gas industry following an established harmonized methodology. It embraces the different combustible gases : natural gas, coke oven gas, blast furnace and works gas. The figures are not simply limited to the year 1977. In certain cases the values for 1973 and 1976 are given in order to indicate the short term trends.

A series of tables with the structural data as well as an analysis of the transformations in gas works are also included in the brochure.

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ISBN 82-825-0654-1

Price : UKL 3.30
DKR 35
USD 6.50
BFR 200

108 pages Format A 4

Edition EN/FR published in December 1978

This publication furnishes detailed harmonized and preponderantly definite data concerning the electrical economy during the past calendar year. It gives the specialist additional information and a rapid updating of time series published in the yearbook Energy. It is composed of six parts : characteristic data - summarized balance-sheets - production - transformation in the power stations - consumption - electrical power plant - mean receipts per kWh.

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Volume 8 will put together the tables for the countries and the one for the Community. Volume 9 will present the corresponding coefficient tables and will include a comparative analysis of the economic structure of the various countries.

Comparison in real values of the aggregates of ESA

ISBN 92-825-0215-5	Price : UKL	11.60
	DKR	123,50
	USD	22
	BFR	700

226 pages Format A 4

Bilingual edition EN/FR published in December 1978

The study provides purchasing power parities (PPP) between the currencies of the nine countries of the European Communities. These PPP's are used instead of the official exchange rates in order to convert nominal values of each country of Gross Domestic Product and its uses into a common unit, purchasing power standard. The values expressed in this unit are called "real values". These values make a direct comparison between the aggregates of the different countries possible.

Methodology of balance of payments of Belgo-Luxembourg Economic Union

ISBN 92-825-0380-1	Price : UKL	5
	DKR	53
	USD	9.50
	BFR	300

Approximately 246 pages Format A 4

Bilingual edition FR/NL to be published in February 1979

This publication describes the concepts, definitions and methods which have been used in compiling the balance of payments of the BLEU for the year 1976. The work consists of three chapters. In the first chapter the principles which govern the balance of payments of the BLEU are described globally, and, in some cases, compared to the recommendations formulated by the International Monetary Fund. The second chapter describes in detail the composition of each balance of payments item and the criteria adopted for breakdown. The last chapter gives an overall view of the sources and methods used to calculate or estimate the data of each balance of payments item. The text has been supplemented by a number of annexes which for the 1976 data give, on the one hand, an analytical view of the underlying transactions and the adjustments which have been made and, on the other, indicate the relation between the items of the balance of payments of the BLEU and those of the presentation recommended by the International Monetary Fund.

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Edition EN/FR

This survey has been conducted simultaneously, and according to identical methods, in the 9 countries of the European Community.

Its essential objective was to obtain details of the earnings and of individual characteristics (sex, age, level of professional qualification, length of service, etc.) of employed persons, and of the structure (branch of activity, size, etc.) of the enterprises employing them, in order to bring out the relationships between these facts and the levels of remuneration.

The results are published in one volume for each country.

Labour force sample survey - Methods and definitions - 1977

ISBN 92-825-0622-3

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DKR 61,20
USD 11.30
BFR 350

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